Retrenchment Compensation Scheme by Tripartite Committee on Textiles

445. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM
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SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
MISS. SAROJ KHAPARDE:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RANJIT SINGH:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the "Times of India" on 16th June, 1992 under the caption 'NTC exit plan to be enforced';

(b) if so, what is the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether the Tripartite Committee have worked out retrenchment compensation scheme;

(d) if so, what are the details alongwith the number of affected workers;

(e) whether the fund for the exit plan will come entirely from the National Renewal Fund; and

(f) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (f) Government have considered the "Turn Around Strategy" of NTC which involves its restructuring, amalgamation, modernisation, labour rationalisation etc. but have not taken any decision on it so far.

Upward Trend in Exports of Handloom Fabrics

446. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether exports of handloom fabrics have shown an upward trend recently;

(b) whether there are possibilities for more exports; and

(c) what are the steps taken by Government to supply the relevant data to the textile manufacturers regarding the latest designs and patterns suitable for export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLAT): (a) and (b) The exports of cotton handloom fabrics and made-ups have increased from Rs. 407.29 crores in 1990-91 to Rs. 692.22 crores in 1991-92. An export target of Rs. 886 crores has been fixed for these items for the year 1992-93.

(c) Handloom Export Promotion Council, Madras has been disseminating market intelligence like fashion/design/colour forecast etc. obtained from abroad to the handloom exporters. The Council has a library with a fairly good collection of fashion/textile magazine giving pattern design suitable for exports. Besides, the Council is also giving necessary feedback to exporters about general market conditions in the major importing countries.

The House then adjourned at twenty-six minutes past eleven of the Clock, till eleven of the Clock, on Tuesday, the 14th July, 1992.

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